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I.—GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres)	5,090
Population (1921)	8,260
Number of inhabited houses (1921)	2,093
Number of families or separate occupiers (1921)	2,104
Rateable value	£60,920
Sum represented by a penny rate	£214

II.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		Total	M.	F.		
Births	Legitimate	125	61	64	Birth rate (R G.)...	15·9
	Illegitimate	7	6	1		
Deaths		118	55	63	Death rate (R.G.)...	14·2

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth—

From sepsis	1
From other causes	1

Deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 births—

Legitimate, 53; Illegitimate, 7·5: Total ...	60·5

Deaths from measles (all ages)...	none
,, ,, whooping cough (all ages)	none
,, ,, diarrhœa (under 2 years of age)	1

The mortality from diphtheria (3 deaths) is excessive.

III.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease		Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria		26	13	3
Scarlet Fever		11	3	—
Enteric Fever		1	1	1
Puerperal Fever		3	—	1
Pneumonia		8	—	8
Tuberculosis—				
(*a*) Pulmonary	M.	3	—	1
	F.	2	—	1
	Total	5		
(*b*) Non-pulmonary	M.	1	—	—
	F.	2	—	—
	Total	3		

Age Groups.

		3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over
Diphtheria	Cases	—	3	8	10	3	—	—	2	—
	Deaths	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	Cases	1	1	2	4	2	1	—	—	—
	Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric Fever	Cases	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever	Cases	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
	Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Pneumonia	Cases	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	2
	Deaths	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2
Tuberculosis										
(*a*) Pulmonary	Cases	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	—
	Deaths	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
(*b*) Non-pulmonary	Cases	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
	Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

(1) Ratio of non-notified tuberculosis deaths to total tuberculosis deaths ... 3 to 7.

(2) Notification is not as efficient as it should be. Practitioners have had the regulations brought to their notice.

IV.—CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

Diphtheria was unusually prevalent, as in 1920. Whooping cough was prevalent amongst the scholars attending Dean Row School in July.

V.—SUMMARY (for reference) OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

Professional Nursing in the Home :

(*a*) General :

A Nurse is provided by the local District Nursing Association.

(*b*) For infectious diseases, e.g., measles, etc. :

No arrangements have been made, but the Local Authority would probably provide a nurse if the need arose.

Midwives : There is one qualified midwife subsidised by the County Council.

Clinics and Treatment Centres : There are none in the district. The County Council provides a nurse to visit the maternity cases, and babies during the first year of life.

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council :

(1) Tuberculosis : The Bucklow Joint Hospital Board, on which the Local Authority is represented, has the use of 15 beds in the Baguley Sanitorium for Tuberculosis under the Manchester Corporation.

(2) Maternity : None.

(3) Children : None.

(4) Fever : } Cases are admitted to Monsall Hospital by
(5) Smallpox : } arrangement between the Bucklow Joint Hospital Board and the Manchester Corporation.

Institutional provisions for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children : None.

Ambulance facilities :

(*a*) For infectious cases : The Manchester Corporation provides an ambulance for removal of infectious cases to hospital.

(*b*) For non-infectious cases and accidents : There is a horse ambulance, and the Manchester Corporation provides a motor ambulance. A motor ambulance can also be requisitioned from Stockport.

VI.—LABORATORY WORK.

Pathological and bacteriological examinations, etc :

The Local Authority has arranged for the examination of pathological material at the Manchester Public Health Laboratory. During 1921, seventy-seven throat swabs were sent for bacteriological examination. Of these, twenty-five were positive. Two specimens of sputum were examined : both positive for tuberculosis.

Diphtheria antitoxin was provided by the Council.

Adoptive Acts, bye-laws, and local regulations :

(*a*) Local Acts or Special Orders—none.

(*b*) Adoptive Acts :

The following are in force in the district :—

(*a*) Infectious Diseases Prevention Act.

(*b*) Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, Part III.

(*c*) Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907.

Sections 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33, comprised in Part II. ;

Sections 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, and 50, comprised in Part III. ;

Sections 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, comprised in Part IV. ; and Part V.

VII.—SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

Tabular Statement of Inspector of Nuisances for the Year ended December 31st, 1921.

A	B			C			
Number and Nature of Inspections made	Number of Notices served			Result of Service of Notices			
	Number	Statutory	Informal	Notices complied with	Remaining in hand	Prosecutions Instituted	Prosecutions Pending
1. Dwelling Houses (general inspections)	157	3	10	13	—	—	—
2. Privy-Middens, Earth or Pail Closets	66	7	25	32	—	—	—
3. Cesspools	2	—	1	1	—	—	—
4. House Drainage	20	3	9	12	—	—	—
5. Ditches, Watercourses, etc.	3	—	—	1	—	—	—
6. Offensive Accumulations	3	1	2	3	—	—	—
7. Offensive Trades	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Slaughterhouses (Private)	7	—	1	1	—	—	—
9. Piggeries	4	1	1	2	—	—	—
10. (*a*) Dairies	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
(*b*) Cowsheds	42	—	6	6	—	—	—
(*c*) Milkshops	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. (*a*) Factories	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
(*b*) Workshops	40	—	2	2	—	—	—
12. Bakehouses (Overground)	12	—	—	—	—	—	—
,, (Underground)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Common Lodging Houses	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
14. Infectious Disease Inquiries and Revisits	35	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	407	15	57	73	—	—	—

(Signed) A. S. CARTWRIGHT.

Closet Accommodation :

This consists of 1,151 water-closets and 850 privies, 25 per cent of the latter being in the rural area.

40 privies were converted into water-closets during the year.

Bakehouses :

These were inspected and found to be in a satisfactory sanitary condition.

Slaughterhouses :

Number in use : Registered, 7 ; Licensed, 7 ; Total, 7.

Arrangements for disinfection and disinfestation :

The Manchester Corporation, by arrangement with the Bucklow Joint Hospital Board, removes infected bedding, clothing, etc., to a disinfecting station. Premises are disinfected where required by the Council. No arrangements have been made for disinfestation.

Diaries, Cowsheds and Milkshops Orders :

Regulations are in force.

The premises were inspected. With some exceptions they are fairly well kept.

VIII.—PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Inspector of Nuisances, who is also Surveyor (whole-time).
Medical Officer of Health (part-time).

Contribution is made to the salaries of these Officers under the Public Health Acts.

IX.—HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year :

(*a*) Total ... 68.
(*b*) As part of a municipal housing scheme ... 36.

1. Unfit dwelling houses.

Inspection—(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 34

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 ... 157

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... none.

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 25.

2. Remedy of Defects without Service of formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... 9.

3. Action under Statutory Powers.

A.—Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... 8.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit:—

(*a*) by owners ... 8.

(*b*) by Local Authority in default of owners ... none.

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders become operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close ... none.

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... none.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied :—

(*a*) by owners ... none

(*b*) by Local Authority in default of owners ... none

C.—Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders ... none.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... none.

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit ... none.

(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... none.

(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... none.

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